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SUBJ: STAG CHESTER HIGGINS

- 1. HIGGINS' VISIT SUCCESSFUL DESPITE LACK OF FRENCH. HE EASILY RELATED TO SENEGALESE WITH WHOM HE CAME IN CONTACT. POST ARRANGED FOR HIGGINS PHOTOGRAPH PRESIDENT SENGHOR, WHO AFTER READING "DRUMS OF LIFE", TOLD HIM HE IS A "POET PHOTOGRAPHER".
- 2. IN LECTURE TO DAKAR UNIVERSITY JOURNALISM STUDENTS HIGGINS CONSUMED MOST OF TIME AVAILABLE SHOWING SLIDES OF HIS WORKS WITH MINIMAL COMMENTARY. HOWEVER, IN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION HE DISPLAYED SOUND THEORETICAL BASE AND FIELDED ANTAGONISTIC RACIAL QUESTIONS WITH STRAIGHTFORWARD ANSWER THAT HE IS ARTIST, NOT POLITICIAN, AND THAT HIS PHOTOGRAPHS HONESTLY PORTRAY MORE SERENE ASPECTS OF AMERICAN BLACK LIFE OVERLOOKED BY MEDIA.
- 3. HIGGINS EXHIBIT WAS WIDELY COVERED BY RADIO AND TELEVISION AND HIGHLY ACCLAIMED BY GUESTS ATTENDING UNCLASSIFIED

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